

**Please see below 6 important announcements** regarding: 1) Preliminary Report Card Release, 2) Using the Spring ELPA Student Data File to Exit LEP Students, 3) DLM Consortium Common Core Essential Elements, 4) Spring 2012 MI-Access PDF Reports Now Available, 5) SBAC Summer Item Writing Update, and 6) Your Feedback Requested – BAA Fall Conferences.

## **1) Preliminary Report Card Release – Check Your MEIS Account!**

The Office of Psychometrics, Accountability, Research and Evaluation (OPARE) will release preliminary Michigan School Report Cards later this month. **It is imperative that report card users check the functionality of their Michigan Education Information System (MEIS) account as soon as possible. An active account is needed to access the preliminary report card site.** Report card users can check their access by going to <https://baa.state.mi.us/ayp/login.asp> and logging in with their MEIS ID and password.

If you are unable to login, please follow the steps below:

1. Check if you have a MEIS account: <https://cepi.state.mi.us/MEIS/Login.aspx>.
2. Request your ID and/or password at the above link if you've forgotten them.
3. If you do not have a MEIS account, you can create one here: <https://cepi.state.mi.us/MEIS/createnewaccount.aspx>.
4. If you are able to login to the MEIS User Management (see step 1) but not able to login to the report card (<https://baa.state.mi.us/ayp/login.asp>), please fill out the Security Agreement for School Accountability\* located here: <https://baa.state.mi.us/ayp/Docs/SecurityAgreement.pdf>.

\*The Security Agreement contains instructions on how to complete the form and where to send it when you are finished.

Once your Security Agreement is processed, you will receive an email with instructions for accessing the Michigan School Report Card. You will receive a separate announcement once preliminary report card data becomes available.

**It is also imperative that users with existing MEIS accounts make sure their email address and other information in MEIS are up to date.** The user's email address in MEIS will be used for correspondence related to any Michigan School Report Card data appeals you submit using your account.

To check your email address, please follow the steps below:

1. Login to the MEIS User Management page: <https://cepi.state.mi.us/MEIS/Login.aspx>.
2. Click "View / Update User Profile" and make sure your email address and information located here is accurate.

## **2) Using the Spring ELPA Student Data File to Exit LEP Students**

A new English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) webcast is available on MStreamNet. The six-minute webcast provides details about how to access and use the Spring 2012 ELPA Student Data File to help determine which limited English proficient (LEP) students should be exited for "proficiency" from English language services. Click on the following link to go directly to the webcast:

<http://www.mstreamnet.org/vidflv.php?who=mde.elpa.041312.n04>

**Spring 2012 ELPA Student Data Files are scheduled to be available early next week.** Districts will then have until July 2nd to review the student data, make proficiency determinations based on district exit criteria, and update the End-of-Year Collection in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Students not exited for proficiency by July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be carried over and flagged as LEP for the 2012-2013 school year.

## **3) DLM Consortium Releases Common Core Essential Elements**

Special educators from Michigan and other member states of the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) consortium have created Common Core Essential Elements (CCEEs) in English language arts and mathematics which are linked to the already-adopted Common Core State Standards (CCSSs). CCEEs provide alternate grade level content standards linked to the common core and they are now available for your review.

For a copy of the English language arts and mathematics CCSS and the CCEEs, please visit the DLM link on the MI-Access website at [www.michigan.gov/mi-access](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access).

In addition to the CCEEs, the website provides the following resources:

- Dynamic Learning Maps Introductory Video,
- Common Core State Standards Overview Module,
- Common Core Essential Elements Overview Module,
- A list of future modules with proposed availability dates.

A crosswalk of the current Michigan extended grade level content standards and the CCEEs will be available in the near future. Alternate assessments based on the CCEEs are being developed by the DLM consortium and will be available for use in Michigan starting in the 2014-15 school year.

## **4) Spring 2012 MI-Access (Grade 11) PDF Reports Now Available**

Student, school, and district PDF reports for the Spring 2012 MI-Access (Grade 11) assessments are now available on the BAA Secure Site ([www.michigan.gov/baa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/baa-secure)) for downloading by schools and districts.

These reports are provided as a courtesy in advance of the release of statewide data to the public and news media to allow you time to examine your school and district results. A date for the public release of this information will be scheduled by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in the near future. You will be notified of the date and will be able to access state results prior to the release.

Until the public release, reports and data may be used for internal planning and professional development only. Also, as soon as hard copies are received, schools should ensure Parent Reports are disseminated to parents and guardians as quickly as possible. Individual student results are never embargoed – only school, district, and state aggregate results.

RELEASE OF RESULTS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR DISTRICTS IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE DATE MAY JEOPARDIZE THIS ADVANCE POSTING OF REPORTS IN THE FUTURE.

If you have a User ID and Password for the BAA Secure Site, you may access your PDF reports by selecting "Student Test Scores" from the menu at the left and then selecting the appropriate test cycle. If you do not have Secure Site access, please contact your district assessment coordinator for assistance.

### **Timeline to Receive Printed Copies of Reports**

Hard copies of district and school reports have been shipped to the district offices. If you have not received your reports, please contact your district assessment coordinator.

## **5) SBAC Summer 2012 Item Writing Update**

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) would like to thank Michigan educators for the large number of applications submitted to participate in item writing this summer for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) despite the tight timeline. The item writing contractor, CTB/McGraw Hill, is currently in the process of reviewing applications and we anticipate that applicants will be notified by CTB/McGraw Hill regarding selection decisions within the next week.

## **6) Feedback Requested – BAA Fall Conference Interest**

As a cost-saving measure, the Bureau of Assessment & Accountability (BAA) stopped hosting fall conferences in 2010. In the interim, BAA has recorded webcasts and/or PowerPoint presentations to provide important content updates. Recently, it has been suggested that the face-to-face interaction with BAA staff members and the physical forum to receive important assessment and accountability updates (away from the busy school day) are important enough that fall conferences should be re-instated. We would like to

solicit feedback from you about whether you agree with these recent suggestions, and if so, what topics would be of most interest to you. Your feedback is requested by **June 30, 2012**.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BAA\\_Fall\\_Conferences](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BAA_Fall_Conferences)

### **Questions?**

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